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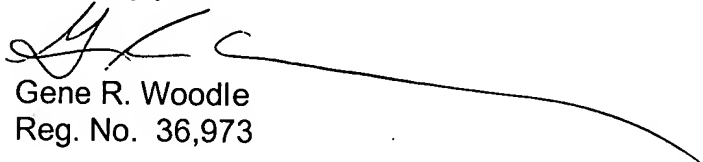
Inventor: William Hein et al.
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Greetings;

Please find enclosed for filing the Amendment/Response in the above matter to the Office Action of the Examiner dated 12/17/2004 which was mailed 12/29/2004. The filing is timely.

Sincerely yours;


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Greetings:

The following is in response to the communication from the Examiner dated 12/17/2004 and mailed 12/29/2004, in which all 11 claims of the above application were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC Section 103.

AMENDMENTS

Reconsideration of the application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested.

1. In the first office action relating to this Application, the Examiner indicated that the title to the invention was not descriptive. Applicants submitted the title "Microwave Dryer With Ram For Material Movement" for the consideration of the Examiner. In this office action the Examiner indicated approval of this title. Formal amendment of the Title of the invention follows.

2. The Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 7 are effectively identical and requires that one of these claims needs to be canceled or changed. The Examiner further indicated that claims 9, 10, and 11 were effectively the same and indicated that two of those claims should be canceled. The Applicants agree with the Examiner and cancel claims 7, 10, and 11. Formal amendment/cancellation of these claims follows as well as a listing of claims as required by M.P.E.P. 714 section C.

The pages or documents referenced in paragraph 1 and 2 above are incorporated herein by reference.